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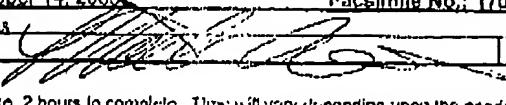
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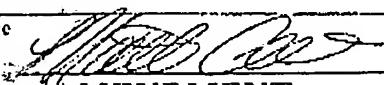
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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 11, 2003. As October 11, 2003 falls on a Saturday and the Monday immediately following October 11, 2003, is a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, this response is being submitted as of the next succeeding secular or business day. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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